IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ulrich HOFMANN Art Unit: Unassigned

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Customer No:

For: LOOP-FORMING ELEMENTS

FOR KNITTING AND WARP KNITTING MACHINES

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests the entry of the following amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.